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Allies Refuse to Yield. Single
Point, and Porte Stands
Firmly on Last Concessions.

Turkey Desires Intervention
of Powers, but Her
Enemies Fear It.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)

London, January 4.—Arbitration by the great powers of Europe is all that can prevent a resumption of the Balkan war against Turkey. The Porte desires mediation, as is easily apparent from the utterances of Rechad Pasha and Osman Nizami Pasha, Ottoman delegates to the peace conference, but the representatives of the Balkan states are reluctant to submit to intervention, because they surmise that the triple alliance would not be apt to recommend a settlement that would give too much territory and power in Eastern Europe to the Balkan alliance.

It was known to-night that the last demands made by the Balkan plenipotentiaries are irreducible. On the other hand, the Turkish delegates are without authority from Constantinople to make further concessions. That was the lay of things this afternoon, when the peace conference was scheduled to resume, and but for the action of the ambassadors of the powers in securing the postponement until Monday negotiations undoubtedly would have been broken off.

Mr. Danneff, chief of the Bulgarian envoys and spokesman for all the allies, in a statement to-night, clearly left the inference that the Balkan states were not particularly anxious for mediation, and that they were prepared to renew the war at any time.

"Apparently the Turks are trying to shift on to our shoulders the responsibility for breaking off peace negotiations," Dr. Danneff said. "We are prepared to meet that situation. We are tired of delays, and Monday's meeting surely will be either an agreement or the end of parity."

Must Give Definite Answer.

"The Turks must now give us a simple 'yes' or 'no' answer. We will stand for no more procrastination and foolishness. No more intelligible code messages will do for adjustment. Turkey can make it or leave it, but whatever she does must be done Monday afternoon."

Rumors that Bulgaria and Turkey were negotiating a secret agreement between themselves were strengthened to-night by a news agency dispatch from Vienna, which said that Emperor Ferdinand of Bulgaria and the Sultan of Turkey had arranged for a meeting Sunday on the Chatalja lines. There was no confirmation of this.

Lloyd's to-day increased their rates for war risks from 10 to 15 per cent on the ground that hostilities in the Balkans probably would be resumed before the end of January.

Direct intervention by the ambassadors of the great powers was all that saved the peace conference from rupture this afternoon. The ambassadorial conversations were resumed at room at the Foreign Office, and when it was learned that the Turks and Balkan envoys still were deadlocked, and would certainly fail of agreement this afternoon, the ambassadors decided to suggest that the conference be called off until Monday.

Dr. Danneff was the guest of Rechad Pasha at luncheon at the Carlton, and they had reluctantly agreed that neither side could concede any more, when the German ambassador called upon them, representing the other ambassadors, to ask that the conference be postponed. Both Turk and Bulgarian agreed.

Another Grave Danger.

The complication arising from the dispute as to what compensation Roumania shall receive for her neutrality during the war is raising a most serious question between that country and Bulgaria. The Bulgarians are not willing to cede the territory which the Roumanians demand out of what it is expected will be given up by Turkey. The Bulgarians, in fact, have their own opinion as to the distribution of the territory of Roumania. The result is that the cabinet at Bucharest is tottering, and if it is supplanted by a nationalist administration, mobilization will be ordered by the hot-headed Roumanians at once. The Bulgarian cabinet at Sofia is also deliberating carefully before taking the fateful decision.



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Some people think that perhaps the powers requested to-day's postponement in order to look over the ultimatum of the allies, and see if the territory was all right, or whether they needed it themselves. It is very evident that there is strong well-politish in the whole movement. M. Venezolou, the Greek Premier, who was to be the president for the day, started at 3 o'clock to pay a visit to a friend. After this he went to St. James's Palace for the conference, but learned on the way that the Ottoman delegates had requested a postponement of the session till Monday.

It will be recalled that at yesterday's session Rechad Pasha, the leading Ottoman delegate, stated that Turkey did not require till Monday to answer the ultimatum of the allies. He said Turkey would be ready to reply at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Break May Come To-Morrow.

London, January 4.—Unless Turkey or the Balkan states can be prevailed upon to recede from their present stiff-necked attitude, the peace negotiations have arrived at an absolute deadlock, and Monday's meeting will be the last of the conference.

The Turkish delegates strongly affirm that they have offered all that they can. The Balkan delegates protest with much vehemence that the Ottoman Empire must surrender to them what they consider to be the spoils of war.

The diplomatic battle line has been drawn at Adrianople. If Turkey should consent to cede her ancient capital and the strongest fortress now invested—so far as impartial witnesses can judge, beyond the hope of relief—all minor questions could be arranged.

The Turks declare they cannot give up Adrianople under any circumstances; the allies declare that they must.

Yielding of Turkey on the question of Adrianople undoubtedly would pave the way for a general settlement. Dr. Danneff, head of the Bulgarian delegation, declared uncompromisingly to-day that unless the Sultan's envoys accept, without the alteration of a word, Friday's ultimatum, he and his colleagues will leave London Tuesday, and their armies will give battle at Chatalja the moment the period fixed by the armistice expires.

This constitutes one of the most dramatic conflicts in the history of diplomacy, yet this situation has been foreseen and expected from the first. Only those in the innermost councils know whether the negotiations will be finished Monday or whether they will just begin then. Events have moved swiftly in the last few days. When the allies delivered their ultimatum yesterday, an

answer to which was demanded by Monday afternoon, Rechad Pasha replied promptly and theatrically that it was not necessary to wait until Monday, that he could reply on Saturday just as well. To-day Rechad Pasha requested a postponement until Monday.

For this action he made two explanations. One was that the Turks desired to give the allies time to consider their position; the other was that the Porte had ordered him to await fresh instructions. The allies were inspired with satisfaction by the latter statement, thinking that the Porte was wavering on the question of Adrianople.

Rechad Pasha affirmed otherwise, saying: "After having ceded more territory than that which the entire allied states had before the war, Turkey could not suffer the undesired humiliation of ceding what she has clung to more from sentiment than from territorial value. Besides, Adrianople is the Mussulman town par excellence, the vilayet of which it is the capital having a population of 1,150,000, only one-tenth of which is Bulgarian."

The Balkan plenipotentiaries held their most important council this afternoon. The Greek, Serbian and Montenegrin delegates asked Dr. Danneff to state frankly the real condition of the Bulgarian army, because if they were to adhere to Friday's ultimatum they must be in a position to make deeds follow words.

Dr. Danneff, in a solemn declaration, affirmed that the Bulgarian army was now in better condition than when the war began. Some defects which existed had been corrected; preparations which before the war were made almost secretly were now conducted openly; the commissariat and sanitary arrangements and the securing of supplies were completely satisfactory, and the regiments had been brought up to their full strength, so that while three months ago they were facing the unknown, they were now confronted by a certainty. Adrianople, he added, had been reduced to such straits that it would surrender as soon as the first shell was thrown into the town.

Turkish Fleet Put to Flight. Athens, January 4.—An official communication issued by the Ministry of Marine thus describes an engagement between Greek and Turkish warships off the Dardanelles this morning:

"Greek destroyers cruising off the straits announced at 2.30 o'clock this morning that five Turkish cruisers, followed by six destroyers, had been sighted at the entrance of the Dardanelles. The whole Greek squadron immediately anchored and steamed to meet the enemy."

"At 10.25 A. M. the Turkish cruiser, the Medjidieh, detached itself from the other vessels, which remained under the shelter of the forts of Sedil Bapre, and proceeded west of Tenedos. The Medjidieh fired six or seven shells at two Greek destroyers, crossing north and the latter replied. The enemy, however, drew off into the straits immediately they perceived the other Greek destroyers coming up."

"At 11.25 the Medjidieh and the Hamid squadron, which remained at the entrance of the straits, and advanced west towards Tenedos, where for half a hour they exchanged shots with the Greek destroyers. The Turkish cruisers were followed to a certain point by their destroyers."

"The fight ended by the flight of the enemy's warships into the straits immediately they observed the whole Greek fleet approaching on the horizon."

LIKED PRISON MORE THAN LADY

When She Paid His Fine
He Took to His
Heels.

Hallie Newsom, a citizen of the Chelsea Hill section, preferred yesterday to change his abode to the Henrico County Jail, rather than part with certain funds due him from the Locomotive Works, where he trades his daily services for a reasonable compensation. Newsom also showed a strong tendency to refuse aid proffered him by a young woman named Lula Butler, who turned over to Deputy Sheriff Garnett enough money to pay his fine.

Mr. Garnett told Newsom that Miss Butler had paid his fine and he could go. The announcement seemed not to please the prisoner. He emerged from his cell and held a long conference with the young woman, upbraiding her for obtaining his release, and declining to give up his position behind the bars.

The officer took a hand and told him that he would have to get out. Reluctantly Newsom complied. So slow was his progress in passing out of the door that his benefactress had preceded him by some feet, and was already upon the walk below the steps.

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lon. His progress was silent, but kaleidoscopic.

Miss Butler paused at the wate to await him. Newsom was not visible to the naked eye, and, frantic, she ran back to the jail. There she was told of the sudden change in Newsom's itinerary, and the information brought about a similar change in her own, for she was last seen just as she was about to overhaul Newsom after a four-block chase along Cary Street toward the heart of the city.

Newsom was sentenced to pay a fine of \$2.50 and costs yesterday morning by Magistrate Sunday for hitting E. L. Davis the day previous. He declined to draw the money due him as wages, and chose to serve out his sentence.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN PORTUGAL SERIOUS

Rumor Current That One of
Other Faction Will Try to
Overturn Government.

Lisbon, Portugal, January 4.—The political situation in Portugal daily becomes worse and more threatening. Rumors are current every hour that one side or the other intends to overturn the government, and force either the proclamation of a dictatorship or the appointment of a provisional cabinet.

The secret society of the carabinieri is increasing in strength. It now numbers 50,000 members, virtually all of whom are socialists.

As the adherents of the two factions formed by the democrats on one side and the conservative groups on the other, are fully armed with automatic rifles, pistols and stores of bombs, there is imminent danger of a collision.

The democrats, led by Dr. Afonso Costa, refuse to join a coalition government. As they number about half of the deputies and senators, the conservatives do not possess a working majority in either house.

The Portuguese constitution does not permit of a dissolution of parliament, and the president of the republic is seeking to allay the intense personal rivalries and bring about a solution of the difficulties.

WISHES OF POPE COMPLIED WITH

He Will Be Buried in Vatican
Crypt Near Tomb of
St. Peter.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Rome, January 4.—The Pope wishes to be buried in the Vatican crypts, near the tomb of St. Peter, and this has raised a legal question. Under the Italian law the burial of bodies in churches is prohibited. Monsignor di Biagioni, in behalf of the Chapter of the Basilica, therefore recently made a formal application for the necessary dispensation, which the Italian government readily granted. Strictly

of Lateran, as the late Pope wished, as Pope Pius X. is afraid that the anti-clericals might disturb the funeral cortege during the transfer of the body.

The South Leads.

The Census Bureau report on the supply and distribution of cotton shows that for the first time in the history of the cotton spinning industry the amount of cotton used in Southern States in any one year, and that the number of active spindles in the South has increased a half-million over the number operated in 1911.

The amount of cotton consumed in the United States during the year ending August 31, 1912, was 5,367,674 bales, and of this amount the quantity consumed in all other States, other than the South, was 2,655,345 bales.

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